

565—50.1(17A,458A,460A) Bureau responsibilities. The geological survey bureau (GSB) of the energy and geological resources division of the department has the responsibility to collect, manage, interpret, and report geological and hydrologic information that is relevant to prudent development, management, and conservation of the state's natural resources. Iowa has significant water, mineral, rock, soil and energy resources, but they are finite; they are distributed unevenly in terms of quantity and quality; and often they are vulnerable to contamination and misuse. The GSB provides technical information that is basic to resolution of natural resource issues.

It is the GSB's goal to assist Iowa's diverse public interests by providing timely and reliable natural resources information. The staff interprets geologic and hydrologic data in response to both immediate and long-range needs identified in the areas of water supply, environmental protection, and economic development. Considerable attention also is given to developing better analytical and computerized techniques so that our information and services continue to improve. Assistance to the public is provided through the development of publications, public presentations, and most commonly, through written responses to information requests from municipalities, industry, engineers, and private citizens.